

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



Executive Order No. 1026

WHEREAS, the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, or ACORN, maintains an office in the State of Mississippi and has conducted activities within the state, including some activities funded through taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, reports have surfaced regarding illicit activities performed by ACORN; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau has severed all ties to ACORN and Congress has voted to deny federal funds to ACORN; and

WHEREAS, ACORN is being investigated by at least 20 states, and the Internal Revenue Service is conducting a thorough review of its relationship with ACORN; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Governor to steadfastly protect public money, and prevent its potentially being spent in furtherance of immoral, unethical or illegal activities:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby order and direct:

That the State Fiscal Officer conduct a comprehensive review of Mississippi's relationship with the ACORN organization and provide a report to me of any payments made or scheduled to be made to ACORN; and

That all state agencies comply without hesitation with the investigative review ordered above; and

That all state agencies are hereby prohibited from entering into any contracts with ACORN or its subsidiaries or affiliates; and

That all state agencies are hereby ordered to cease funding for any current contracts with ACORN or its subsidiaries or affiliates to the extent permitted by law. If it is determined that such funding cannot legally be terminated, this determination shall be communicated in writing to the Governor, and any such contract shall be terminated or not renewed as soon as legally possible.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, the 21st day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand nine and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fourth.



Haley Barbour
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GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

C. Bent Noseman, Jr.

SECRETARY OF STATE